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### **JOHN HANCOCK ANNOUNCES PORTFOLIO MANAGER CHANGE FOR HEDGED EQUITY & INCOME FUND**

**BOSTON, MA (July 30, 2024)**—John Hancock Investment Management LLC (the “Adviser”) today announced changes to the portfolio management team for John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund (NYSE: HEQ). The Fund is advised by the Adviser and subadvised by Wellington Management Company, LLP (the “Subadviser”).

Effective July 30, 2024, Gregg Thomas, CFA, Co-Head of Investment Strategy, Wellington Management will no longer serve as a portfolio manager on HEQ. Roberto Isch, CFA, Senior Managing Director, Wellington Management, will continue to serve as portfolio manager on the Fund. Mr. Isch has been involved in the management of HEQ since 2012 and was named a portfolio manager in February 2019.

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*An investor should consider a Fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. Investing involves risks, including the potential loss of principal.*

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A company of Manulife Investment Management, we serve investors through a unique multimanager approach, complementing our extensive in-house capabilities with an unrivaled network of specialized asset managers, backed by some of the most rigorous investment oversight in the industry. The result is a diverse lineup of time-tested investments from a premier asset manager with a heritage of financial stewardship.

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